

## **Albert H. Vestal Papers**

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### **Biographical Note:**

Albert Henry Vestal was born on January 18, 1875, near Frankton, Madison County, Indiana. His parents were William and Mary (Jackson) Vestal. He taught for over six years in Nebraska and Indiana. On September 15, 1895, he married Madge Horn with whom he had two children, Vivian and Ralph. In 1896, he graduated from Valparaiso University, was admitted to the bar, and began practicing in Frankton, Indiana. After a short time in the office of Wood & Ellis, he formed his own partnership with James M. Farlow. His wife died on August 5, 1899. Vestal was remarried to Hulda Maude Malone on January 8, 1903.

From 1900 to 1906, Vestal was prosecuting attorney of the 50th judicial circuit. After leaving this office, he practiced in Anderson, Indiana, at the firm Vestal & Van Nuys. He ran for U.S. Congress in 1908 and 1914 and was defeated in both races. He was finally elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1916 and served in the next eight Congresses (1917-1932). Vestal served as the majority whip from 1923 to 1932. He died on April 1, 1932, in Washington, D.C.

#### *Sources:*

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Brandon, Rodney H. Who is Who in Anderson. Anderson, IN, 1908.

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### **Scope and Content Note:**

The bulk of the collection is invitations, programs, and announcements for social events in Washington, D.C. Other items include clippings related to Vestal's work in Congress; his diary and other materials from his trip to California and Alaska (1927); speeches; a

record of assistance given to World War I veterans and their families in his congressional district; and a transcript of headlines made by Vestal during 1917.

The collection is organized by document type and sometimes by subject. All of the folders are arranged alphabetically by title.

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### **Box and Folder Listing:**

#### Box 1. *Alaska-Invitations and calling cards*

##### Folder

1. Alaska and California trip materials, 1923, July-Sept. 1927
2. Alaska and California trip diary, July-Sept. 1927
3. Bills proposed by Vestal, 1929-1931
4. Clippings, 1924-1932, undated
5. Correspondence and financial papers, 1899-1929
6. Correspondence and financial papers, 1930-1931, undated
7. Headlines transcript, 1 Apr.-21 Aug. 1917
8. Headlines transcript, 22 Aug.-30 Dec. 1917
9. Invitations and calling cards, 1925-1927
10. Invitations and calling cards, 1 Jan.-14 Feb. 1928
11. Invitations and calling cards, 15 Feb.-31 Mar. 1928

#### Box 2. *Invitations and calling cards*

##### Folder

1. Invitations and calling cards, 3 Apr.-13 May 1928
2. Invitations and calling cards, 15 May-17 Nov. 1928
3. Invitations and calling cards, 5 Dec. 1928-31 Jan. 1929
4. Invitations and calling cards, Feb. 1929
5. Invitations and calling cards, 1 Mar.-28 June 1929
6. Invitations and calling cards, 2 July 1929-1 Jan. 1930
7. Invitations and calling cards, 17 Jan.-15 Feb. 1930
8. Invitations and calling cards, 16 Feb.-30 Mar. 1930
9. Invitations and calling cards, 2 Apr.-30 May 1930

#### Box 3. *Invitations and calling cards-Record of services to veterans*

##### Folder

1. Invitations and calling cards, 7 June 1930-20 June 1932, undated
2. Memberships and pamphlets, 1924-1931, undated
3. Memorial addresses delivered in Congress, 25 May 1932
4. Notes, 1925, undated
5. Programs and menus, 1927-1928
6. Programs and menus, 1929
7. Programs and menus, Jan. 1930
8. Programs and menus, Feb. 1930-1932, undated
9. Record of services to veterans, 1922-1929
10. Record of services to veterans, 1922-1929

11. Record of services to veterans, 1922-1929

Box 4. Record of services to veterans-Speeches

Folder

1. Record of services to veterans, 1922-1929
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  3. Record of services to veterans, 1922-1929
  4. Speeches, 1925-1931, undated
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**Collection Information:**

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